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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

In re
USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Debtor

Case No. BK-S-06-10725-LBR
Case No. BK-S-06-10726 LBR
Case No. BK-S-06-10727 LBR
Case No. BK-S-06-10728 LBR
Case No. BK-S-06-10729 LBR

In re
USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS, LLC,

Chapter 11

In re
USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST DEED FUND, LLC
Debtors

**Jointly Administered Under
Case No. BK-S-06-10725 LBR**

In re
USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED FUND, LLC
Debtor

LIMITED OPPOSITION TO MOTION
TO TEMPORARILY HOLD FUNDS
PENDING A DETERMINATION OF
THE PROPER RECIPIENTS

In re
USA SECURITIES, LLC

Date: June 5, 2006
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Affects:

- ý All Debtors
- ¤ USA Commercial Mortgage Company
- ¤ USA Securities
- ¤ USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC
- ¤ USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC
- ¤ USA First Trust Deed Fund, LLC

1 **TO ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST:**

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3 James Corison (Corison), a Direct Lender and holder of various deeds of trust subject to
 4 servicing agreement with USA Commercial Mortgage files his limited opposition to the Debtor's
 5 **MOTION TO TEMPORARILY HOLD FUNDS PENDING A DETERMINATION OF THE**
 6 **PROPER RECIPIENTS:**

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8 Corison does not object to the relief requested. However, he does object to three of the
 9 proposed bases upon which the Debtor relies for the requested relief. This Court has sufficient
 10 basis to grant the requested relief without reaching a determination as to the three theories
 11 discussed below. The Debtor asks this court to base the requested relief on three theories as
 12 follows:

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14 1. Recognize the Debtor's equitable interest in the funds.¹

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16 2. Deem the Direct Lenders to be creditors of the Debtor²

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18 3. Determine that Debtors have an equitable lien on the collateral of all Direct
 19 Lenders³.

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21 The practical effect of all of the above theories is to pool the collateral and provide for a
 22 pro rata distribution among creditors. It also opens the door for an argument to use the funds in
 23 the DIP Collection Account for payment of administrative expenses and ongoing operations of
 24 the Debtors.

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26 The potential legal effect of granting the motion based upon any or all of the three theories

27 ¹ See Debtors' motion at page 9 part C

28 ² See Debtors' motion at page 10, part D

³ See Debtors' motion at page 11, part E

1 set forth above is that they will become the “law of the case” and become binding without proper
 2 adjudication.

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4 A FINDING OF AN EQUITABLE INTEREST OF THE ESTATE IN THE MONEY IN
 5 THE DIP COLLECTION ACCOUNT IS UNWARRANTED.

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7 Debtor relies exclusively on In Re Builders Capital Services, Inc., 317 B.R. 603
 8 (Bankr. W. D.N.Y. 2004) for the proposition that the Debtor has an equitable interest in the pool
 9 of promissory notes. In addition to getting the facts of the case wrong the case has no
 10 precedential authority and is not binding on this court. The Debtors misstate the relevant
 11 underlying facts of that case when they assert that, “As part of the transaction, investors were
 12 required to appoint Builders Capital, the debtor, as agent under the notes and accompanying
 13 mortgages.”⁴ While the court in Builders concedes that the investors “ . . . may have designated
 14 Builders Capital to serve as their agent, but they did not establish any such relationship with
 15 either William or Diane Gordon⁵. ” The notes promissory notes in question in the Builders case
 16 were made between the borrowers and William and Diane Gordon as agents for the named
 17 investors. The lack of an agency relationship between the lenders and the Gordons formed the
 18 substantial basis for the Builders court’s findings and ruling. The Builders court also found that
 19 the Debtor operated a “ponzi scheme”⁶.

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21 In this case it appears that Loan Servicing Agreements or “Control Account Escrow
 22 Agreements” were executed between the Debtor and the Direct Lenders. Here it also appears
 23 that, unlike the Builders case, the debtor creditor / relationship does exist between Direct Lenders
 24 and their borrowers. These constitute significant departures from the circumstances that led the
 25 Builders court to create an equitable interest in the notes in that case.

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27 ⁴ See Debtors’ motion at page 9, lines 9 & 10.

28 ⁵ See In Re Builders Capital Services, Inc., 317 B.R. 603 (Bankr. W. D.N.Y. 2004) at page 608.

⁶ See In Re Builders Capital Services, Inc., 317 B.R. 603 (Bankr. W. D.N.Y. 2004) at page 605.

1 Whether or not this court ultimately arrives at the same conclusion in this case should be
 2 reserved for another day. Corison would likely not file any opposition to the motion but for the
 3 Debtors request at page 10, lines 1 through 3, inclusive that the, “Debtors are merely seeking
 4 **recognition** of their equitable interests in the these funds pending a determination of the Court as
 5 to their ultimate disposition.” (emphasis added) Such a request sounds like a request for a finding
 6 which is, at a minimum, not required to grant the motion. It is also procedurally defective in that
 7 it does properly put the Direct Lenders on notice of the assertion by the Debtor of their asserted
 8 equitable interest to the potential derogation of the legal title to the notes and funds held by Direct
 9 Lenders. More properly such action should occur in the context of an adversary proceeding.

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11 A FINDING THAT DEEMS THE DIRECT LENDERS TO CREDITORS OF THE
 12 DEBTOR IS UNWARRANTED

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14 Under this section the Debtor asserts that, “It may be that . . .” and, “it is possible that . . .”
 15 the circumstances are such that this court should deem the Direct Lenders as creditors of the
 16 estate. Notably the Debtors say that they may know this once Mr. Allison concludes his
 17 investigation. Corison concurs, such assertions and determinations should be determined after the
 18 investigation is complete. This court should make no finding which could translate to a later
 19 argument by the Debtors or any other party-in-interest that this court has already made a finding
 20 that the Direct Lenders are creditors of the Debtor in this case.

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22 Debtors again cite to case law not from this circuit with the exception of In re The
 23 Woodson Co., 813 F.2d 266. The Woodson case turns on the “incidence of ownership” of the
 24 investors. In that case the court found that the lack of risk by virtue of guarantees turned the
 25 investors into creditors with neither legal or equitable interests in the notes. Such would, at first
 26 blush, seem not to be the case here.

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28 Again, the concern of Corison is that this Court make no rulings or findings that could be

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1 considered binding or the law of the case in granting the Debtors motion.

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3 **A FINDING THAT DETERMINES THAT DEBTORS HAVE AN EQUITABLE LIEN**

4 **ON THE COLLATERAL FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL DIRECT LENDERS IS ALSO**

5 **INAPPROPRIATE**

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7 Here the Debtor relies on a Nevada case, In re Lemons & Associates, Inc. 67 B.R. 198
 8 (Bankr. Nev. 1986). The Debtor also refers to the *Builders*, case cited above. The Lemons case
 9 rests on extensive findings made after an evidentiary hearing which revealed a true parade of
 10 horrors. While some of all of the factual elements may ultimately be determined to be true in
 11 these cases no so such showing has been made. As a result this court should not make any
 12 findings that would permit any party in the future to argue or imply that by granting the Debtors'
 13 motion here that this court found that the Debtor has equitable claims on what presently appears
 14 to be the Note and collateral of the Direct Lenders.

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16 **CONCLUSION**

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18 For all of the reasons set forth above Corison respectfully does not oppose the grant of the
 19 relief requested. However, he also respectfully requests that this court also make it clear that in
 20 so doing that it is not making any ruling which could be construed as the law of the case or
 21 estoppel to argue against any of the three bases or conclusions asserted by the Debtors' under
 22 subparts C, D & E of its motion.

23 Respectfully submitted,

24 Dated: May 18, 2006

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